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SUBJECT: PROPOSED NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY (NAA) TOUR

-- VISIT TO BERLIN.

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1. WE WELCOME PROPOSED VISIT OF NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY
TOUR TO BERLIN.

2. IN VIEW OF FRENCH RELUCTANCE AS ALLIED CHAIRMAN TO
HOST VISIT ON BEHALF OF THREE ALLIES, WE WOULD PREFER
THAT EFFORT BE MADE IN FIRST INSTANCE TO HAVING VISIT
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HELD UNDER AUSPICES OF BERLIN SENAT. NORTH ATLANTIC

ASSEMBLY IS NOT ORGANICALLY CONNECTED TO NATO AND IS COMPOSED OF LEGISLATORS RATHER THAN MEMBERS OF MILITARY. MOREOVER NAA'S AREAS OF CONCERN EXTENDS WELL BEYOND PURELY MILITARY QUESTIONS TO CONSIDERATION OF WHOLE RANGE OF ALLIANCE RELATIONSHIPS INCLUDING QUESTION OF DETENTE. WE DO NOT THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT ANY LEGITIMATE QUESTION OF BERLIN'S DEMILITARIZE STATUS ARISES IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT. IN ADDITION, SOVIETS AGREED IN ANNEX IV B (D) OF QA THAT INVITATIONS COULD BE ISSUED BY SENAT FOR

MEETINGS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES IN BERLIN, AND NAA VISIT TO BERLIN WOULD BE FULLY JUSTIFIABLE UNDER THESE PROVISIONS.

3. IF OTHER ALLIES NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT SENAT INVITATION, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF US OR UK SPONSORING GROUP. WE ARE, HOWEVER, CONCERNED ABOUT OPTICS OF ONE OF ALLIES OTHER THAN ALLIED CHAIRMAN EXTENDING INVITATION. THIS CLEARLY WOULD APPEAR STRANGE TO PUBLIC AND SOVIET OBSERVERS AND IN OUR VIEW WOULD AMOUNT TO UNWELCOME PUBLIC ADMISSION THAT THERE IS INTERNAL ALLIES DISAGREEMENT ON VISIT.

4. REGARDLESS OF SPONSORSHIP, WE BELIEVE EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO REMOVE WORD "MILITARY" FROM TITLE OF NAA TOUR. KISSINGER

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